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## CODE ENFORCEMENT

**H-8043 RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARKS** (Scott) This act would amend the definition of “accessory structure” as it relates to recreational vehicle parks and campgrounds. Environment & Energy

## EDUCATION AND SCHOOLS

**H-8028 ESTABLISHMENT OF CHARTER SCHOOLS** (Gallison & Others) This act would provides for a 7-member committee to review charter applications, and provides that the Commissioner, with the approval of the Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education, may approve amendments to the original charter application. Finance

**H-8040 RESIDENCE OF CHILDREN FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES** (Savage & Others) This act would make children placed in group homes, foster care facilities, child care facilities or by a Rhode Island state agency, residents of a town/city if the child attends a public school in the city/town in which such group home, child care facility or foster home is located, or, if the child attends a non-public school in the city/town in the same community or another, the child shall be deemed a resident of the town in which the child previously resided. Finance

**H-8054 TECHNOLOGY COORDINATOR** (Barr) This act would provide a procedure for the certification of technology coordinators within any elementary or secondary school supported wholly or in part by public money. H.E.W.

## **FINANCE AND TAXATION**

**H-8051 LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS** (Sherlock & Others) This act would require tenants of quasi-public corporations, which are businesses for profit, to be liable for taxes on any leasehold improvements. Corporations

**S-2860 HISTORIC STRUCTURES** (McCaffrey) This act would amend the provisions governing the calculation of the tax credit for historic structures. Finance

**S-2964 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX REIMBURSEMENT** (Badeau) This act would amend the Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise Tax Elimination Act of 1998 by providing for state reimbursement to municipalities of the motor vehicle tax by modifying the exemption levels. Finance

## **LIQUOR CONTROL AND LICENSES**

**H-8010 CLASS DP LICENSE** (Sullivan & Others) This act would create a new retail license category, which would allow the sale of alcohol at locations approved by the city/town council in conjunction with food. Special Legislation

## **PUBLIC SAFETY: POLICE AND FIRE**

**H-8016 FIREARM SURRENDER PROGRAM** (Cicilline) This act would provide for a firearm surrender program. Judiciary

**S-2936 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE** (Raptakis & Others) This act would require that, when any person is charged with or arrested for a crime involving domestic violence, that person may not be released from custody on bail or personal recognizance before arraignment without first appearing before the court. Judiciary

**S-2937 JUSTICES OF THE PEACE** (Raptakis & Others) This act would authorize a justice of the peace to hold an individual charged with a domestic violence offense without bail pending a hearing before a district court judge on the determination of bail. Judiciary

## **RETIREMENT**

**S-2966      TEACHERS' RETIREMENT** (Alves) This act would eliminate employers' contributions to the retirement fund for state employees and teachers after May 1, 2002, until July 1, 2002. Finance

## **TOWN AND CITY CLERKS**

**H-8012      PROBATE NOTICE** (Lewiss) This act would amend the provisions for the giving of notice of probate court hearings by advertisement in certain probate matters. Judiciary

**H-8013      LIMITED GUARDIANSHIP AND GUARDIANSHIP OF ADULTS** (Lewiss) This act would exempt using the decision-making assessment tool only with court approval and upon extraordinary or emergency circumstances, and the decision-making assessment must be completed by a physician who has treated or examined the individual. Judiciary

**H-8063      MARRIAGES** (Simonian & Kilmartin) This act would allow justices of the peace to perform marriage ceremonies. Judiciary

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

**H-7995      LOW AND MODERATE HOUSING** (Gorham & Others – By Request) This act would define mobile home units, and states that low and moderate housing exists in a city and town which has 1,000 mobile homes and these, together with other low or moderate units in the city or town, comprise at least 10% of the city's or town's total housing units. Corporations